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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 50.7 degrees, 2.0 degrees below normal for the week ending October 19. Precipitation averaged 1.14 inches, 0.47 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 18 points below normal.

Reporters rated 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 17. This is 1.7 days less than last year and 1.1 days less than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	3.8	5.9	110.3
2002	5.5	5.7	139.7
1998-2002 Average	4.9	5.3	142.1

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	70	30
Last Week	0	3	87	10
Same Week Last Year	14	35	48	3
1998-2002 Average	8	23	63	6

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Eighty-nine percent of **Corn** is mature, compared to 92 percent last year and 96 percent for the five-year average.

Growers have 20 percent of corn for grain harvested. This is eight days behind 2002 and 11 days behind the 1998-2002 average. **Soybeans** are 94 percent mature. This is six days behind last year and six days behind the five-year average. Producers have 64 percent of soybeans harvested. This is three days behind 2002 and six days behind the five-year average. Farmers have 72 percent of **Winter wheat** planted. This is six days behind last year and four days behind the five-year average. Twenty-four percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is eight days behind 2002 and six days behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 19 percent of **Sugarbeats** harvested. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 87 percent complete.

Fruit producers have harvested 83 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 78 percent in 2002 and 82 percent for the five-year average. The **Grape** harvest is 76 percent complete, compared to 91 percent last year and 94 percent for the 1998-2002 average.

Rain continues to cause problems for Ohio’s farmers, with many reporting delays in harvesting crops due to wet weather. Delays in the harvest can also be linked to late maturing crops, a result from this year’s early frosts, mild summer, and wet spring. During the week farmers harvested corn and beans, planted winter wheat and dug a few late potatoes. Fruit growers continue harvesting grapes and apples, while vegetable producers harvested pumpkins. Farmers marketed feeder calves, cut firewood, and installed conservation practices.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Dairy producers are culling their herds, to get rid of poor producing cattle. Hay was rated 62 percent good to excellent condition compared to 16 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 74 percent good to excellent compared to 13 percent in 2002. The early frosts have put an end to pasture growth across much of Ohio, but had little effect on the fruit crop.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	87	90	92	82	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	83	78	82	72	NA
Corn mature	89	92	96	77	95
Corn harvested for grain	20	35	37	13	39
Grapes harvested	76	91	94	69	NA
Soybeans mature	94	98	97	82	NA
Soybeans harvested	64	72	75	46	60
Sugarbeats harvested	19	63	13	3	53
Winter wheat planted	72	86	81	43	74
Winter wheat emerged	24	53	48	3	48

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	20	48	25
Previous Week	2	5	19	51	23
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	7	27	48	14
Previous Week	3	7	26	50	14
Previous Year	21	29	34	13	3
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	20	55	19
Previous Week	2	5	19	57	17
Previous Year	22	28	37	12	1
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	33	44	12
Previous Week	4	9	30	44	13
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	49.8	-2.0	1.34	0.73	30.64	8.15	33	-14	2923	-114
North Central	49.5	-2.7	1.12	0.45	28.90	5.59	30	-17	2899	-92
Northeast	48.6	-2.8	1.21	0.51	34.55	9.74	25	-20	2659	-158
West Central	51.5	-1.3	1.26	0.65	33.97	9.89	38	-15	3075	-96
Central	51.3	-1.9	1.07	0.41	31.78	7.26	37	-18	3122	-84
Central Hills	49.4	-2.4	1.12	0.46	32.22	7.56	28	-20	2887	-81
Northeast Hills	49.2	-3.1	1.29	0.65	33.03	8.52	26	-24	2925	-87
Southwest	52.4	-1.7	1.10	0.31	32.33	6.75	43	-16	3253	-100
South Central	53.2	-1.3	0.84	0.13	34.49	10.23	43	-20	3333	-68
Southeast	51.2	-1.9	1.07	0.39	32.42	7.85	37	-20	3093	-101
STATE	50.7	-2.0	1.14	0.47	32.43	8.16	35	-18	3032	-99

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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